

The Spirit of Truth

Our understanding of spiritual truth is a result of our fellowship with Christ, and the accompanying presence of the Holy Spirit reveals and bears witness to this truth.

That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive;

Ephesians 4:14 (KJV) 



What the Spirit reveals to us is never lost or doubted, but stands solid and unmovable no matter how fiercely these winds of false doctrine blow. Yet without the Spirit as our guide even good scriptural teachings are never properly embraced because He has not borne witness of it with our spirit (**Romans 8:16 KJV** ). Yes, God uses teachers and pastors and other methods to lead us into truth, however without the Holy Spirit we have absolutely no way of discerning whether what we are learning is doctrinally sound.

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

2 Timothy 3:7-8 (KJV) 

The confusion of the "ever learning" reprobate Christian is marked by owning multiple Bible versions, Greek lexicons, concordances, commentaries, expositors et al. They are constantly attending conferences, seminars and the like looking everywhere else for the truth. Why? Because *the truth is not in them* (**2 Thessalonians 2:10** ). They are in a constant state of uncertainty, utterly unable to grasp and embrace even the most simple of spiritual truths. They eventually come to believe that Biblical truth is impossible to be certain of. This is a sure sign of a Christian who is operating without the aid of the Holy Spirit.

The new convert is in a very fragile state, subject to these winds of doctrine because they are not yet filled with the Spirit and able to discern for themselves. When we come as a child with complete faith and obedience as God commands, we will quickly move forward and grow. We go from milk to meat, from carnal to spiritual (**1 Corinthians 3:2-3 KJV** ).

For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14 (KJV) 

We are strengthened in the operating in the Spirit by exercising the discernment and other gifts of the Spirit God

has given to us. The same principle applies to faith, it becomes stronger as we exercise it. God gave us muscles but we must exercise them otherwise they become atrophied.

